



NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER PROTEST FORMATION OF THE SALMON CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Executive Officer of the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCo” or “Commission”) will hold a public protest hearing on **Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at Salmon Creek School**, Upper Thomas Rd, Miranda, CA 95553, to receive written protest against the approved Salmon Creek Fire Protection District formation. This public protest hearing will be conducted by the Commission’s Executive Officer who has been delegated the authority to conduct this hearing. The agenda will be posted on the Commission’s website at least 72 hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting.

The purpose of the hearing is for LAFCo to receive written protests from affected landowners and registered voters within the approved Salmon Creek Fire Protection District formation area. The Commission approved the district formation on July 20, 2022, by Resolution No. 22-09, subject to conducting a second hearing to receive any written protests filed against the Commission’s action. Typically, a protest hearing is conducted to determine whether a proposal would be confirmed, terminated, or subject to an election based on the number of valid written protests received. Since the formation is already subject to an election for majority voter approval of the formation, 2/3rds voter approval for a special tax, and election of directors to serve on the new district board, only the protest threshold for termination is applicable: (Government Code Section 57075(a)

Terminate formation proceedings if written protests are received from 50 percent or more of the voters residing in the territory.

Proceedings for this district formation were initiated by petition of registered voters within the proposed district boundaries. The proposal formation area is approximately 20,500 acres of land (335 parcels) that is currently served by the Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Department (SCVFD). The reasons for the proposal are to support the ongoing operations of the SCVFD, which has served the area since 1978, by establishing a new special tax as a long-term, community-based and locally controlled revenue source to support the sustainable delivery of fire and rescue services by the SCVFD; as a district the community would be eligible to apply for grant funding and access tax revenue that is available only to local government entities; and the new district would be governed by an elected three-member Board of Directors, independent of the County.

For more information about the district formation, please visit:

<https://humboldtlaoco.org/proposed-formation-of-the-salmon-creek-fire-protection-district/>

How to file a Protest: To be considered valid, protests must be written and filed by either a landowner or a registered voter within the formation area. The protest must be signed and dated, must state whether it is made by a landowner or a registered voter or both, and must include the name and address of the protestor. An Assessor’s Parcel Number identifying the location of the land is acceptable for a landowner. A registered voter’s protest must show the name and address appearing on the affidavit of registration. Written protest forms are available at the LAFCo office or online at www.humboldtlaoco.org/public-hearing-notices-2022/. Use of the form is encouraged, but not required.

Protests may either be mailed to Humboldt LAFCo at 1125 16th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521 or emailed to the LAFCo Executive Officer (colettem@humboldtlaoco.org) before the protest hearing. Only written protests that are received prior to the end of the hearing on September 10, 2022, will be accepted as timely.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the LAFCo office at (707)445-7508 or colettem@humboldtlaoco.org (preferred).

Note: State Law requires that LAFCo notify various parties, such as landowners and registered voters within the affected territory. For this reason, you may receive multiple copies of this notice.